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### **CertainTeed Breaks Ground on new Window Plant in Lebanon, Indiana**

(Valley Forge, PA)—CertainTeed Corporation, one of North America's leading building products manufacturers, broke ground today on a new vinyl window manufacturing facility in Lebanon, Indiana. The multi-million dollar facility will be located in the Lebanon Business Park about 25 miles northwest of Indianapolis, and is expected to be completed and operational by Spring 2003.

"This new facility will bring much needed production capacity for our windows into the Midwest," says Larry Patterson, vice president of operations for CertainTeed's Window Group. "Logistically, Lebanon, Indiana is the perfect location for this facility and will help drive a high level of service for our wholesale distribution customers."

The plant will be a window fabrication facility. The vinyl components of the windows are produced by CertainTeed's Hagerstown, Maryland window facility. The Lebanon plant will take those components, assemble the windows, and distribute them to customers throughout the region.

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The facility will initially employ 100-120 people, but could reach 350 within five years. A majority of the hiring will be done within the Boone County region and is expected to begin in October. Extensive training will begin shortly thereafter with production starting in the spring.

Participating in this afternoon's groundbreaking was Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joseph Kernan, Lebanon Mayor James Acton and Katie Culp, Executive Director of the Boone County Economic Development Corporation as well as representatives from CertainTeed and Duke Realty, the developer of the site.

"We couldn't be more pleased to welcome CertainTeed to Indiana," said Kernan, who leads the state's economic development efforts. "The decision to locate this facility in Lebanon will benefit the company, the community and our state as a whole. The investment brings quality jobs to our residents and great opportunities for CertainTeed to expand its operations."

To help secure the project, the Indiana Department of Commerce, the city of Lebanon, Boone County Economic Development Corporation and Indy Partnership worked together. Mayor Acton noted, "This project is the culmination of teamwork between many organizations. The city of Lebanon welcomes this quality employer to our community."

The Indy Partnership, which serves as the sales and marketing organization for the nine-county central Indiana region, initially handled the company's request for information. After CertainTeed focused on Lebanon, the Boone County Economic Development Corporation and city of Lebanon worked closely to assist the company in its development plans.

"We're extremely grateful to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor Kernan, Mayor Acton, the Indiana Department of Commerce, and the Boone County Economic Development Corporation for all of the support they've provided CertainTeed to make this venture possible," said Patterson. "We're excited to be coming to Indiana and are committed to providing quality job opportunities and a safe working environment."

CertainTeed Corporation is one of North America's leading manufacturers of building materials-- fiber glass insulation; commercial and residential roofing; vinyl fence, siding and windows; fiber cement siding; ventilation products; foundation and piping products; as well as vinyl and composite decking and railing products. The company is headquartered in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and has approximately 7,000 employees and more than 40 manufacturing facilities throughout the United States. The company had sales of approximately \$2.2 billion in 2001.

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In the U.S. and Canada, Saint-Gobain employs approximately 28,000 people, and has approximately 200 manufacturing locations. Its total U.S. and Canada sales in 2001 were approximately \$6.4 billion.

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